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PREDICT OTTAWA WILL BAN DISSEMINATION OF HATRED

ATTEND ADVANCE GIFTS EVENT — An Advance Gifts dinner for the 1964 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto held last week at the Park Plaza resulted in pledges of $135,000 to the campaign. Among those attending the dinner were, in top photo left to right, Jack Van Der Hout, Noel Zeldin, Henry Sussman and Harry Solomon, associate chairman of the 1964 drive. In photo at bottom left, left to right, are Joseph Tanenbaum, chairman of the Construction Division; Theodore D. Richmond, general campaign chairman; and Arthur Weinstock. At bottom right are Joseph Berman and Mr. Richmond.

SHAZAR WILL WELCOME POPE

TEL AVIV, (JCNS) — Israeli president Shneur Zalman Shazar will receive Pope Paul VI at Megiddo, once King Solomon's fortress, where, according to Christian tradition, the final battle will take place before the end of time.

The meeting, on January 5, is scheduled to last 20 minutes, it was unofficially learned here.

A special crossing is being arranged at Givat Oz, Mapam's border kibbutz some three miles from Megiddo. President Shazar will receive the Pope in the open air, at the site of the present archeological excavations, or, if the weather does not permit, in the tiny museum on top of the mound.

Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities are speeding up their study of the security aspects of the visit. Top ranking police officers have gone over the likely routes to be followed by the Pope and are preparing detailed suggestions to be submitted to Mr. Theodore Kollek and Mr. Joseph Nachmias, the inspctor general of the police, on their return from Rome late tonight.

Special attention will be paid to Nazareth, since the Communists there are the strongest in Israel. Though there is no indication so far of any Communist opposition to the visit, Israel security is determined to take no chances.

However, the Pope's visit is not seen here as contributing to a relaxation of Arab-Israel tension. Mr. Abba Eban, the Deputy Premier, told the press yesterday (Tuesday). The Israeli Government, he said, "respected" the nature of the Pope's visit which, according to the Vatican, is of a purely religious character and not connected with the political conflict dividing the Arab States and Israel.

The Israeli Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Maurice Fischer, yesterday met Vatican officials to discuss technical and organisational details of the visit, the JCNS Rome correspodent has cabled. Mr. Kollek and the inspector general of the Israeli police, Mr. Nachmias, arrived there today to assist Mr. Fischer with the security aspects of the pilgrimage.

SENATOR CROLL, CJC FORMER CAMP INMATES PRESS FOR NEW LAW

OTTAWA (CJN) — The government of Canada and some important leaders in the Senate and the House of Commons are reported to be studying the enactment of the law to ban the dissemination of hatred through the mails and other media of communication.

The Canadian Jewish News, it is acknowledged here, was the first newspaper in Canada to publish the sensational discoveries about Her Majesty's mail being used for the dissemination of anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic pamphlets.

Following the revelations by The Canadian Jewish News, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and the National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith called a conference of all Jewish organizations in Toronto, at which time a resolution was passed that some legal measures be taken against public dissemination of hate literature.

Also in Montreal the Association of the Former Concentration Camp Inmates held a mass meeting on Sunday, December 8th, when a resolution was passed to support the action for the enactment of the law against the spreading of obscene bigotry, pamphlets and newspapers.

At that meeting the Hon. Milton Klein, Q.C., member of the Federal Parliament for Cartier, supported the action of the Association of the Former Concentration Camp Inmates and assured that Canadian Jewish Congress is working in this direction.

Mr. Klein said at that meeting that he has no doubt that legislation will be formulated to halt the dissemination of hatred, not just Nazi-hatred but all hatred.

Mr. M. J. Nurenberger, editor and publisher of The Canadian Jewish News, also addressed this meeting, both in English and in French. He stated that The Canadian Jewish News, which first discovered the Nazi underground mail, will continue to support the action of the Canadian Jewish Congress and of the Association of Survivors of Nazism for banning hatred from all media of communication.

The meeting was presided by Lou Zablow, president of the Nazi Survivors, and also addressed by Paul Goldstein, vice president of the Association. Approximately one thousand participated in this meeting at Montreal's Young Israel auditorium.

Since this campaign started, important meetings took place in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa to discuss the Nazi propaganda in this country.

The Canadian Jewish News learns from impeccable sources that Senator David Croll and Parliament members Marvin Gelber (Toronto) and Milton Klein (Montreal) have succeeded in interesting important government leaders, also leaders of the opposition parties, in helping enact a law to ban hatred from all media of communication.

The Canadian Jewish News has polled several sources. There is no question that John G. Diefenbaker, author of the Bill of Rights, will support such a measure. So will the New Democratic Party. We understand that the other groups in Parliament also may favor such a measure.

The present Canada Official Postal Guide is quite ambiguous, as The Canadian Jewish News already reported. Strong and clear, unequivocal measures are needed to nip in the bud the antisemitic underground here. To this, it seems, all parties agree and we may expect some legal measures, or at least a proposal for such legal steps, in the very near future.

TO OUR READERS

Because of the holiday season, the employees of our printing shop are on vacation. Thus this week's issue and the issue dated January 3rd are closed Monday noon preceding publication. Technical difficulties compel us to omit this week and next week important features and advertising. Immediately after the holiday season The Canadian Jewish News will resume its regular format.

1964 WILL BE BANNER YEAR FOR TORONTO UJA

The results of Advance Gifts dinners and trades and professions organization meetings indicate that 1964 "will be a banner year" for the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, according to Theodore D. Richmond, general chairman of the campaign.

"All the preliminary activities leading up to the actual opening of the campaign in January point to a highly successful fund-raising year," Mr. Richmond stated. "Pledges made at two small Advance Gifts dinners held during the last two weeks total over $700,000, a substantial increase over the same contributions in the 1963 campaign."

"Energetic efforts have been made to organize the campaigns of the Construction Division, the Dentists, Lawyers, Jewellers and Brokers Groups, and meetings have been scheduled for all of them. A dinner was held by the Furniture Division that was well attended.

"I believe that these early successes are signs that the Jewish community of Toronto is awake to its responsibilities. More money than ever before is needed to bring in a record number of immigrants to Israel and to absorb the thousands who arrived there in the past year; to alleviate the suffering of 200,000 Jewish refugees all over the world; and to carry on our programs of Jewish education, immigrant resettlement and supplementary financial assistance in Toronto."

More than $126,000 was pledged at an Advance Gifts Dinner held last week at the Park Plaza Hotel, with almost all of the gifts representing increases ranging from 10 to 100%. Present at the dinner were Stephen E. Berger, Joseph Berman, John Cole, William Engel, John D. Fienberg, Benjamin Fish, Robert, Fish, Bert Godfrey, Harold Green, Harold Gross, Alex Grossman, Joseph Levine, Morris P. Levy, Maxwell S. Lewis, Samuel Orenstein, Mark Perlmutter, Mike Pesing, Theodore D. Richmond, Alvin B. Rosenberg, Q. C., Alex Samuels, Oscar Shainhouse, Ellis I. Shapiro, Harry L. Solomon, Henry B. Sussman, Joseph Tanenbaum, Jack Vanderhout, Leon Weinstein, Arthur Weinstock, Noel Zeldin and Samuel Zeldin.

Ribicoff May Run For Vice President

WASHINGTON, (JCNS)— There is considerable speculation here over the choice of a candidate for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket to be headed by President Lyndon Johnson.

Among those being mentioned is Senator Abraham Ribicoff, of Connecticut, who is Jewish. Mr. Ribicoff served for nearly two years as Secretary for Health, Education and Welfare in the Kennedy Cabinet, was Governor of Connecticut, and before that a member of Congress. It is pointed out here that President Johnson who is from Texas, will probably want a Northerner or New Englander on his ticket. Kennedy was a New Englander from Massachusetts.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

The Old Year And The New

As 1963 passes into history, it is fitting to draw a balance of what it meant in the chronicles of our people. Or rather, what was the most important event from our Jewish point of view?

Taking a long-range view and from historical retrospective — I believe it was the fact that the organized Jewish people had to face again the ugly, chauvinistic Arab politicians engaged in an assault to destroy Israel.

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It seems that here, on the North American continent where we enjoy freedom and economic prosperity, we are not attuned to the ever growing, organized conspiracy to liquidate the greatest achievement in modern Jewish history — the State of Israel. We prefer to ignore the appeasement of the most vicious anti-Israel statesmen. North-American Jews apparently forget they are paying, through their taxes, for all the adventures planned by Nasser and his clique or by other anti-Israel circles. Perhaps the weakness of our counter-action on the North American continent stems from the fact that we are blind to the reactions of our non-Jewish neighbors vis-à-vis Israel. Friendship to Israel is not a Jewish sentiment only. Millions of North Americans, whether in the United States or in Canada, dislike the Arab blackmail. They especially abhor it when reminded that Arab political adventurers are using American funds to promote discrimination and to divide citizens by importing here a kind of chauvinism which poisons the atmosphere.

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We have not succeeded in impressing Americans (north and south) that the plans of some Arab leaders, nurtured by Nazi emigrés in Cairo, are threatening world peace. For only the naive can imagine that any provocation against Israel would result in less than a world conflagration.

Thus, when Arab bigots insist: eliminate Jews from companies doing business with us; when they try to dictate to international organizations discriminatory policies and actions based on hatred, they are undermining not only the internal peace in each country — in Canada, America and England — but are sowing the seeds of international conflict.

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Millions of non-Jews realize that the Jewish state was not given to us — it was taken. The Jewish battle for sovereignty was the first revolt against colonialism in the Middle East. I wish many Jews who live under the illusion — that the establishment of the Jewish state was a favor bestowed upon us — would learn this truth: the state of Israel was not given, it was won through blood, sweat and tears; and it cannot be removed from the map simply because its existence, its democratic spirit, disrupts the chain of dictatorships and tyrannies in the countries surrounding it.

I venture to suggest that, during the coming year, perhaps we ought to think of organizing a vast non-sectarian, non-partisan movement in the free world which would prove that both Jews and non-Jews alike are seeking the peace of Zion.

Egypt Aided By Washington

WASHINGTON, (JCNS) — Egypt continues to receive a great deal of aid from the United States, according to a report by the Senate Government Operations Committee.

From July to the end of November Nasser received surplus grain and other products worth $27,497,000. This was over $2 million more than in the same period last year.

The quantities given to Egypt were: wheat, $17,653,000; flour, $5,314,000; corn, $4,514,000; frozen poultry, $100,000. Most of these products were "sold" to Egypt for Egyptian currency and at very low prices, and the money is of no value to the United States because it remains in Egypt and is used for various projects there.

The Senate committee says that a considerable part of this aid is used to feed Egyptian forces in the Yemen.

RECORD YEAR FOR TORONTO ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

"The Toronto Jewish Community is winding up 1963 with a higher record of sales and cash than has ever been achieved in the history of our Israel Bond Drives," reports Lawrence Shankman, General Campaign Chairman. "There are fifteen hundred more purchasers than last year, including over 500 men and women who made purchases this year for the first time since the Toronto Israel Bond Campaigns were launched back in 1953. Our cash figure at this final phase of the drive stands at more than $1,500,000."

Mr. Shankman paid tribute to the excellent cooperation of the hundreds of Israel Bond Chairmen of all Synagogues, Organizations, B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters, Landsmanshaften, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, ORT, Mizrachi, and all other groups in the city whose collective efforts have contributed so magnificently to the success of the campaign. Mr. Shankman also pointed out that there still remain about 800 men and women who bought Bonds in 1962, but have not yet made a purchase this year.

"In the remaining few days, we are hopeful that our army of volunteers will continue their tireless efforts to canvass their cards, and pick up cash on all outstanding pledges. Victory is almost within our grasp to achieve what has never before been done in Toronto — a $2,000,000 Campaign for Israel Bonds. With the cooperation of the community in responding to the personal calls of our volunteers there is no doubt that we will be able to finish 1963 with an unprecedented total."

Throughout the U.S. and Canada, cities are recording increases of up to 25% pointing to a higher peak of acceptance of the Israel Bond program than ever before in its history. Financial experts attribute this trend to three major factors: the enormous strides which Israel's economy is making with the aid of Israel Bonds; the redemption of the first Israel Savings Bonds which began last May in the U.S. and will commence in Canada in a few months: plus the fact that new avenues of sales are constantly opening up through the acceptance by banks, insurance companies, pension funds and labour unions of Israel Bonds as a sound, safe investment.

"The dramatic upsurge in the number of Israel Bond buyers in Toronto this year is tangible evidence that our Jewish community is recognizing the Israel Bond Campaign as part and parcel of its permanent effort," comments Mrs. Irving Posluns, Chairman of the Women's Division of the Israel Bond Organization of Toronto "Hundreds of women have enrolled as Bond buyers in their own right, in addition to their family purchase, further enhancing the reputation of our division as a responsible partner in the total community Bond effort."

The inspiring accomplishments of Israel in developing the Negev as a focal point for settling thousands of new immigrant families has stirred the imagination of Jews everywhere. Economic development is recognized by Israel's leaders as being as vital to safeguard the State and assure its future as is an adequate defense system.

Lawrence Shankman

Mrs. Irving Posluns

France Resents Arab Pressure

TEL AVIV, (JCNS) — France has categorically rejected an informal Arab demand to dismiss all Jewish personnel from Paris Radio Arabic programmes, a reliable French source disclosed to the JCNS correspondent here.

The demand came immediately after France had resumed diplomatic relations with Egypt and before the signing of a cooperation agreement between television and radio services in both countries.

The Egyptians had hinted that Jewish personnel in Arabic programmes might be biased in favour of Israel. But France strongly rejected this approach and symbolically appointed M. Edouard Sablier — the well-known French-Jewish expert on Middle East affairs — as head of the French Television Information Department.

The French source remarked: "We don't want a Mancroft affair in our country."

SEFER TORAH FOR ISRAEL

The Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto decided to donate a Sefer Torah to a Histadrut synagogue in Israel.

The ceremony of presenting the Sefer Torah to Toronto Israel Histadrut will take place on Wednesday evening, January 8, at 12 Viewmount Ave.

This is not the first time that the Toronto Israel Histadrut Campaign has sent to Israel Sifrei Torah, Sforim, and religious articles. Over 200,000 members of the Histadrut in Israel are religious Jews.

The Histadrut has built synagogues in many moshavim and cities.

The United Organizations for Histadrut call on all representatives of societies, fraternal organizations to participate in the ceremony.

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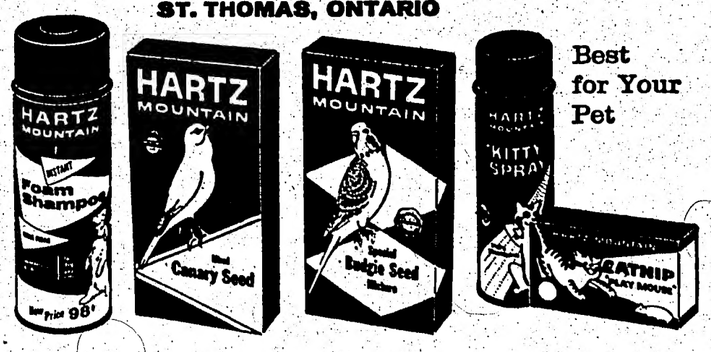

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18% OF CANADA JEWS BILINGUAL

MONTREAL, (CJC) — 18.4% of the total population of Jewish ethnic origin in Canada were reported as able to speak both official languages — English and French — according to a preliminary analysis of the 1961 Canadian census statistics made by Louis Rosenberg, Research Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the CJC reports.

Jews are therefore second only to the population of French ethnic origin in percentage able to speak both English and French. The percentage able to speak both English and French in Canada in 1961 was 30.1% among those of French origin, 10.6% among those of Italian origin, 5.5% among those of Polish origin, 4.0% among those of Anglo-Celtic (English, Scottish and Irish) origin, and 2.6% among those of German and Ukranian origin.

In the Province of Quebec 36.2% of the population of Jewish ethnic origin were reported in the 1961 Census as able to speak both English and French, the largest percentage of bilingualism among any ethnic group in that province, followed by 34.7% among the population of Italian origin, 34.5% among those of Ukrainian origin, 32.2% among those of Polish origin, 28.7% among those of German origin, and 24.4% among those of French origin.

In Metropolitan Montreal, however, the percentage able to speak both official languages, English and French, was highest among those of French origin (41.0%), followed by those of Jewish origin (35.8%), of Italian origin (34.5%), of Ukrainian origin (33.5%), of Polish origin (31.8%), and of Anglo-Celtic origin (26.7%).

The number of persons in 1961 who were bilingual in both French and English was highest among the population of French origin in Canada, in the Province of Quebec and in Metropolitan Montreal.

The number of Jews by ethnic origin able to speak both English and French in 1961 was 31,843 in Canada as a whole, 27,029 in the Province of Quebec, and 26,176 in Metropolitan Montreal.

The percentage able to speak English among the population of Jewish ethnic origin in 1961 was 98.3% in Canada as a whole, 97.1% in the Province of Quebec and 97.3% in Metropolitan Montreal, while the population of Jewish ethnic origin able to speak French was 37.1% in the Province of Quebec, 36.6% in Metropolitan Montreal and 18.9% in Canada as a whole.

There were 2,178 Jews in Canada in 1961 who claimed French as their mother tongue, of whom 1,515 lived in Metropolitan Montreal, 258 in the rest of the Province of Quebec, and 405 in the other nine provinces of Canada.

A more detailed analysis of bilingualism and mother tongue among Jews in Canada by the Research Department of the Canadian Jewish Congress is now in progress and will be published early in 1964.

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state department:

IGNORE ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, (JCNS) — The State Department is taking an active role in persuading American firms not to pay attention to the Arab blacklist or threats, it is reliably reported from Washington.

About 84 American firms are said to be on the blacklist, including some of America's biggest.

Among them are the Bulova Watch Company, Dow Chemical Company, Firestone Rubber Company, International General Tire and Rubber Company, Helena Rubinstein, Revlon, and many others. They angrily rejected Arab demands that they boycott Israel, and preferred to lose Arab business rather than bow to Arab pressure.

But the biggest blow to the Arabs is that a number of firms which had bowed to their demands reversed their policies and publicly announced that they would in future disregard the blacklist. Some of these firms continue to trade with the Arabs despite their business with Israel. Hilton, for example, continues to operate the Hilton Nile Hotel in Cairo, after defying the Arabs and building the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

The Arab boycott also suffered considerably when it was announced last week that America's third largest steel producer, Republic Steel Corporation, had entered into partnership with the United Saran Plastic Corporation, of Tel Aviv, which is to manufacture metal products and use Republic trade names as well as acquiring marketing rights in Africa, Turkey, Iran and Cyprus.

Also on the blacklist are 20 famous American actors, singers and entertainers, among them: Harry Belafonte, Eartha Kitt, Helen Hayes, Frank Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor, Eddie Cantor, Sammy Davis Jr., Jasha Heifetz, Danny Kaye, Jerry Lewis, Yehudi Menuhin, Arthur Miller, Edward G. Robinson, Esther Williams and Joanne Woodward.

regional living standards and American aid for development projects.

He found the opportunity of writing these letters when replying to messages of condolence received following the death of President Kennedy and of good wishes on his own assumption of the Presidency.

The United States, according to these informed sources, is now sure that the Arab States will not initiate war-like acts against Israel when the national water carrier scheme is put into operation. Support for this view is seen in the fact that, at last week's Cairo meeting of Arab chiefs of staff, Egypt refused a Syrian demand for "effective action," pointing out that Syria was unable to defend her own borders let alone engage in an adventure against Israel.

It is understood here that the Syrians appeared at the Cairo meeting with no clear plan of action in mind. They asked that the chiefs of staff join in defining a "common policy" on Israel's water plans. Apparently, however, they dispersed without doing so.

The belief in foreign diplomatic circles here is that the Arabs are now developing a diplomatic campaign in opposition to the water project and that upon its success or failure will depend their final attitude. Israel tends to share the American opinion that no large-scale clash is in the offing.

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TEL AVIV, (JCNS) — Once again, the United States has initiated "quiet contact" with the leaders of Arab countries bordering Israel. This time, the object is to avoid any interference when Israel operates its national water carrier project, which will take water from Lake Galilee to the Negev, some time early in 1964.

According to informed sources here, President Johnson has addressed personal messages to King Hussein of Jordan, General Hafez of Syria, President Shehab of the Lebanon and President Nasser of Egypt, reiterating the main points of President Kennedy's policy for the Middle East: the betterment of

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TORONTO OBITUARIES

FELDMAN, Pearl. On December 21, late of 268 Markham St.
HOCHTEIL, Elizabeth. On December 19, late of 2507 Eglinton West.
KALLEDEY, Hannah. On December 21, late of 10 Kenneth Ave. Services arranged by College Memorial Chapel, 331 College Street.
ABRAMS, Louis. On December 16, late of Chicago, Illinois.
HOUZER, Percy. On December 15, late of Lindsay, Ontario.
MELZER, Nettie. On December 15, late of 210 Winona Dr.
PAUL, Joseph Jay. On December 14, late of Brantford, Ont.
RAM, Thomas. On December 17, late of 1646 Bathurst St.
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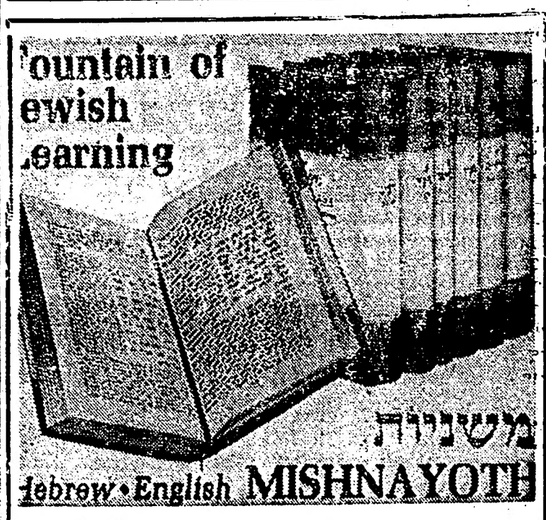
CORRECTION

In The Canadian Jewish News (December 13) because of a printer's error, we did not mention that Rabbi David Monson, National Chairman of the Foundation Committee was a participant on the program of the Wilferd Gordon, Q.C. Negev Dinner and submitted a report on the Canadian Foundation of the Jewish National Fund.



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OUR STRENGTH

By GOLDA MEIR

Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, issued a statement through Histadrut, Israel Labor Federation, in the Histadrut Campaign, on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary. Toronto's Annual Campaign Dinner takes place at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Sunday, January 5th. Excerpts from Mrs. Meir's statement follow.

Forty years ago, shortly after the first World War, the war that the world fought to end all wars, the land of Israel had only a few scattered Jewish agricultural co-operative settlements, a big swamp in the Huleh, in Upper Galilee, a great big, frightening desert in the South. Young men and women came from Eastern Europe, having arrived at the conclusion that there is only one solution for the Jewish people — the regaining of dignity and independence, dignity of the individual that comes from working with his own hands, the dignity for a people that comes when it itself decides its own fate. As those who came before them, before the war, when the late Itzhak Ben-Zvi and David Ben Gurion and Joseph Baratz came, they had one solution — to come to our homeland and through our own labor build a home for ourselves. No promises were held out for the rocks, the desert and the swamp, but only one promise — dignity and independence.

With an independent State of Israel now almost 16 years old, with over a million immigrants, men, women and children who came into the country, with the desert blooming, with Israel having taken its place among the countries of the world, with old friends and new friends, we know that the day will come, the day must come, when cooperation will be not only between Israel and countries far away, but there will be cooperation between Israel and our neighbors across the border so that their deserts too may come alive, so that their children too will be in school, so that they too will enjoy that which is coming to each man and woman as a result of his labor. We are waiting for that day, we are looking for that day. More and more countries in the world are actively waiting for us to impress our neighbors with the solution — not war — one war only leads to another; the solution is peace, the solution is negotiation, the solution is conceding the fact that Israel is there, and cannot and will not be done away with. On this 40th Anniversary, when Histadrut has grown from a tiny organization of a few thousand members to more than one million men, women and children, you have a right to say that you were there, you were with us and therefore you and we together call on this day to our neighbors, the North and the East and the South: meet us around a conference table, let us talk, let us negotiate and we know as well as our neighbors know, once we sit down at a conference table, we will not get up until all problems are peacefully solved and peace will reign in the area for their good and our good.

Nazi Victims Protest

ANTWERP, (JCNS) — Jewish victims of the Nazis in Belgium have expressed their indignation at the refusal by West Germany to extend the deadline for submission of claims for furniture, jewellery and household articles looted by the Nazis. About 2,000 Belgian claimants could not submit their claims by the April, 1959, closing date because of lack of proof. By the time proof was forthcoming the date had passed. The claimants regard the "Hardship Fund" to be set up under the amendments to the West German retribution laws as totally inadequate to meet the additional claims that can now be made.

Morocco Defies Egypt

RABAT, (JCNS) — The Moroccan Government will take no notice of the Arab League decision to boycott the "Club Mediterranee," a French tourist company, according to sources close to the Government. The club has a highly successful holiday camp at Al Hoceima, a well-known Moroccan beauty spot on the Mediterranean coast.

In the meantime the Government's official gazette has published a decree banning the Egyptian monthly, the "Arab Observer," in Morocco. The publication, noted for its anti-Israeli bias, has been publishing strong attacks on King Hassan II's regime.

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A rabbi advertised for a handyman and next morning a neat young man rang the doorbell. "Can you start the fire and have breakfast ready by 7:00?" asked the rabbi.

The young man thought he could.

"Can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes, and keep the house and grounds tidy and neat?" was the next question.

"Look, Rabbi," protested the young man, "I came here to see about getting married, but if it's going to be anything like that, you can count me out right now".

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ANSWER

"Dad," asked the small boy. "Why is a man not allowed to have more than one wife?"

"My son," replied the father, "when you are older you will realize that the law protects those who are incapable of protecting themselves."

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GOOD REASON

Son: Why do they rope off the aisles at weddings?

Father: So the bridegroom can't get away, son.

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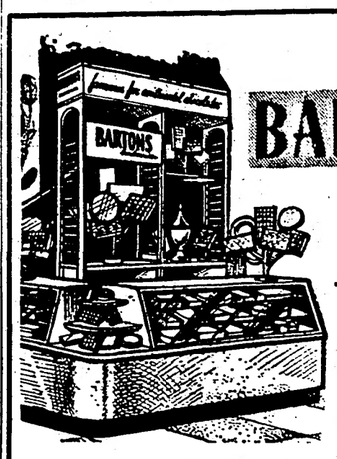

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ENTERING THE FIFTH YEAR

The attentive reader may notice that this week's issue is Volume IV, Number 52, of The Canadian Jewish News. Also it is the two-hundred-ninth number of this newspaper, the first issue of which appeared on January 1, 1960.

When we originally thought about and discussed our plans prior to the launching of this publication, we were met with doubt, cynicism and ridicule. We were told that Canadian Jews in Toronto and in Montreal would not appreciate a Jewish newspaper which was not parochial.

Our reply to all those who doubted was the publishing of The Canadian Jewish News which, we acknowledge with little humility, was recognized and accepted immediately as a leading Jewish journal of opinion and news dissemination. It was born with journalistic guts, with the determination to serve the reader while, at the same time, serving the Jewish people and the country where it appears. It never pleased everybody; it never will. No self-respecting newspaper ever can.

Now, as we review the first four years of our continuous, uninterrupted publication of The Canadian Jewish News, we take pride in stressing the following facts:

We have managed to remain independent of any party, group or circle in Jewish politics;

We have succeeded in striking a healthy balance among all so-called religious denominations within Judaism;

We have recognized all constructive movements within Jewry;

We have labored for the most sacred causes which make up what we are without becoming involved in petty disputes, discussions or polemics;

We have raised the level of Canadian Jewish journalism from provincial, social reporting and amateur writing to the professional niveau of modern, progressive newspaper writing.

As we enter the fifth year, we know that The Canadian Jewish News has become part and parcel of this proud, vibrant Jewish community, conscious of its task to dedicate its energies to Jewish survival through solidarity, tolerance and by promoting Jewish education on all levels.

And a good Jewish newspaper to which we aspire is also part of a healthy Jewish community.

A PROBLEM FOR QUEBEC

THE SEPHARDIM IN CANADA

Very few among us, the oldtimers in the Canadian Jewish community and in North America in general, are aware of the increasing importance of the new Sephardi settlers, both in numbers and in cultural impact.

In Montreal alone there are approximately three thousand Sephardim among the newcomers, mostly North Africans. The new liberal policy of immigration, announced by the Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration last week in Ottawa, may open the doors for more thousands — perhaps tens of thousands — of Jewish immigrants from the so-called Arab countries.

This new immigration places us in a position where many urgent problems must be solved — immediately.

The first problem entails the education of the young whose parents have settled in Quebec. By culture and language, the North African Jews belong to the French community of Canada; they are French-speaking Canadians. However, the school system in Quebec excludes them from the French public school which is Catholic.

We believe that the task of "assimilating" the Sephardim, of creating schools for their children, should be studied assiduously by the government of Quebec. For there is a community which "belongs" to French Canada — by language, by cultural affinity. The French Canadians have an opportunity of integrating this group into their French community. But it can be achieved only if Jewish schools, with French as the language of instruction — French by language only but Jewish by religious content — are opened immediately in Montreal.

We understand the Canadian Jewish Congress is discussing these problems. Still, as we have stated, it is a situation wherein the provincial government of Quebec can prove that, while it welcomes more French-speaking Canadians into the fold of French Canada, it does not impose a religion upon them.

Most of the new Canadians among the Jews from North Africa are devout, dedicated Jews. They have behind them a tradition of resistance to the religion of the majority. They are here, as one of their leaders stated recently, "to preserve Judaism for ourselves and our children." However, they apparently are disappointed. They claim, again in the words of their leader, "reality has not met with our expectations. Only a very small percentage of North African parents send their children to Jewish schools, and those who do so are forced to make great financial sacrifices."

For the Jewish community in Canada, the problem is to find a solution which would prevent the estrangement of these youngsters. For the government of Quebec, the problem is to see that these French-speaking North Africans, among whom many have contributed in the past to the spiritual grandeur of France, are not lost to Canadian French culture.

Thus we have a situation whereby the Jewish community of Quebec and the government of Quebec can work out some kind of school program which would satisfy both Jewish interests and French cultural aspirations.

We hope that the Lesage government and the Canadian Jewish Congress will give this problem the immediate attention dictated by its urgency.

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TORONTO NOW HAS JEWISH MUSEUM

As part of its growing Jewish Museum, Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation is arranging to acquire from Dr. Cecil Roth, Reader in Jewish Studies, Oxford University, England, his entire collection of Jewish art and antiques. Presently the bulk of this collection will be housed permanently at the Beth Tzedec for public viewing, in the hope that the Jewish Museum will serve as a vital center of Jewish religious art.

During his lifetime, Dr. Roth will retain some items of special sentimental value to him.

Dr. Roth's collection of Jewish art and antiquities is one of the most notable collections now remaining in private hands in the Old World. It was accumulated over a period of 45 years in the course of Dr. Roth's travels, especially in Italy and the Near East. Included is a remarkable collection of prints and portraits illustrating Jewish history — one of the best collections of bookplates of Jewish interest, including the two earliest known.

Part of the collections comprises a group of illuminated marriage contracts from many countries, some of them (especially those from Italy) works of art in their own right. There are nearly fifty Hanukkah lamps from various countries, from as far as Cochin in India, the most remarkable having as its central decoration the coat of arms of a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

Among the array of Sabbath lamps is one considered by the late Mordecai Narkis of the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem as being the oldest in existence.

The collection includes: a majolica passover plate in perfect condition, made at Ancona, Italy, in 1673; the bowl of pewter for the ceremony of the Redemption of the Firstborn (none other known; a seal of the Spanish Inquisition; a unique medieval Anglo-Jewish seal of the thirteenth century; important medals including one struck for the coronation of King Edward VI of England in the 16th century with a long Hebrew inscription.

Also, included is a remarkable array of Scrolls of Esther with illuminations. The most remarkable of them is one with Chinese illuminations apparently executed for the long-defunct Chinese Jewish community at Kai Feng Fu, thus linking up this collection with the Jewish objects at the Royal Ontario Museum. Embroideries, ancient Hebrew coins, paintings, synagogue silver and more form part of Dr. Roth's outstanding collection of art.

CHOU EN-LAI & NASSER

LONDON, (JCNS) — Chinese support of the Arabs against Israel was acknowledged in Cairo on Sunday by Chou En-lai, the Communist Prime Minister, who arrived in Cairo at the start of a two-month tour of Africa.

Speaking at a banquet in his honour the Chinese leader declared that China had supported "the Arab people of Palestine in the struggle to restore their legitimate rights," while Egypt had supported China's "legal rights" in the United Nations.

President Nasser received Mr. Chou shortly after returning from Tunisia, where, together with the Algerian President, Mr. Ben Bella, and the Tunisian President, Mr. Habib Bourguiba, he attended celebrations marking the anniversary of the evacuation of French troops from Tunisian soil.

The speeches on that occasion were noteworthy for the vehemence of the attacks on Israel made by both the Algerian and Egyptian Presidents. The Egyptian leader called for Arab unity in the face of Israel, "one of the last sequels of colonialism". Palestine, he said, "gives the power to other Arab nations to unite and triumph."

Mr. Ben Bella declared that no one could really speak of independence "as long as Palestine is occupied by reactionaries imposed by the West. We should mobilise all means at our disposal to destroy colonialism in Palestine."

Correspondents remarked on the fact that Mr. Bourguiba, the host, did not join in these bitter denunciations and that his address was moderate in all respects.

Tito phones Nasser: You consort with my biggest enemy!
Nasser: Don't you know me, I'm neutral; I take money from everybody.
Jewish Daily Forward

letters to the editor

AID TO JEWS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BUILDING OF LUXURIOUS SYNAGOGUES

Dear Editor:

In The Canadian Jewish News of December 13th, there appeared two stories that I feel invite comment. The first was entitled: What Happened to Algeria's Jews? The second was: Aid to Jews in Moslem Countries Imperative. In both cases, attention is drawn to the continuing and, indeed, growing need for elementary help to, particularly, North African Jews. The Joint Distribution Committee requires an additional $3 million for its 1964 purposes.

Your newspaper several months ago carried a description of a new synagogue that is to be built on Bathurst Street. Its cost, if I remember correctly, is to be in the neighborhood of $2 million. It would be interesting to learn what practical difficulties would prevent this and other such projected undertakings in North America from reducing their plans by, say, 25%, and turning the difference over to bodies such as the Joint (United Jewish Appeal). After all, the Hasidim and the Quakers manage to worship the same Maker in much simpler surroundings and neither seems to have suffered in consequence thereof.

Toronto.

FELIX LAZARUS.

The Gruesome Story Of Auschwitz (2)

By Dr. N. Robinson

Auschwitz fulfilled actually two purposes; non-Jews were to die there a "natural death," for it was an annihilation institution. Thus, non-Jews were kept alive as long as they served a useful purpose, by exploitation of their labor. Jews were, with few exceptions, sent at once to death.

As an exploitation center Auschwitz was not a camp, it was an empire, consisting of two mother camps (Auschwitz and Birkenau) and a vast net of subsidiary camps stretching in one direction as far as Brno (Czechoslovakia) and another as Neustadt and Frankenthal in Germany — about 125 km. as the crow flies. Not only I.G. Farben, but also Krupp, the "Union," minings and cement production enterprises had their factories there. Some 3,000 Waffen-SS-men served as guards, apart from the 300 SS camp staff, 200 SS administrators and many others.

Only some 400,000 inmates were registered in Auschwitz, of whom — as mentioned — only about 60,000 survived, but the millions of Jews who perished there en masse were not even noted in the registers: they were brought directly to the gas chambers of Birkenau and gassed there. Because of the lack of records there are differences in the estimates of the numbers of victims who perished in Auschwitz. Hoess claimed that Eichmann gave him the figure of 2½ million Jews brought to Auschwitz for annihilation, but he himself once stated that the figure was exaggerated, and at another time gave an estimate of 4 million. A former inmate of Auschwitz, Smolen, who worked in the reception office of Auschwitz, and thus was familiar with the incoming transports, estimated that some 3 million persons were gassed there until the spring of 1944 (i.e., not counting the 400,000 Hungarian Jews brought there subsequently). J. Gumkowski, the Director of the Polish Central Commission to Investigate Nazi Crimes, assumes that, all in all, Auschwitz swallowed up about 4 million human beings. The figure of 2.5 million is regarded as the minimum.

FROM ALL OCCUPIED AREAS

Jews were sent to Auschwitz in trains from all German occupied areas. Upon arrival in Auschwitz the Jews were driven out of the cars and their luggage taken to huge depots, which were known as "Kanada" (the name was given by the inmates because of the riches accumulated there). The deportees were driven to what was called a "bathing institute;" there camp physicians used to select a small number (less than 10 per cent of the total) of young Jews capable of physical work; they were brought into the camp. But not all of them were kept alive: if the camp administrator did not need them, they were also sent for gassing. The rest went directly to the gas chambers; if the gas chambers could not swallow up all of them at once, they were, without being registered, housed for a while in depots.

The naked Jews were driven, with the assistance of dogs, sticks and whips, into the gas chambers, which were provided with showers and water pipes so as to have the appearance of bath houses. Women and children usually went first, the men followed. When about 3,000 humans were so pressed in, the doors were closed and the gassing started.

The gassing was usually done — as mentioned — with Cyclon B gas, in the form of small particles, impregnated with a substance which under the impact of humidity and high temperature exuded cyano peroxide — one of the deadliest poisons. This causes death through internal strangulation, if the air is sufficiently saturated, death is almost instantaneous. However, the SS, who serviced the gas chambers, did not care to provide sufficient quantities; they simply threw in the chambers the contents of a number of cans of cyclon, so that death was frequently slow and extremely painful. If the quantity of cyclon was sufficient, those nearer the "throwing-in-shaft" died immediately, the others began to scream and grope for air but in a few minutes they all were dead on the floor. After 20 minutes no one moved. Half an hour after the gas was thrown in, the doors were opened and the removal of the corpses started.

ROBBING THE DEAD

The Germans were not content with exploiting and robbing the living, they also robbed the dead. Nothing was small enough to be collected ,sorted and used for the benefit of the Third Reich. There were 35 special warehouses for the earthly remains of the victims. According to a report by the SS-Oberscharfeuhrer Reichenbach, found in Auschwitz, within the period of 47 days, from December 1, 1944 to January 15, 1945(in the last period of its existence), the following goods were prepared for shipment to Germany: children's linen and clothing — 99,992 complete units; women's linen and clothing — 192,625; and 222,-269 men's complete units.

The corpses were in the first period put in mass graves, later burnt in stacks of 2,000 with kerosene, or destroyed with mentanol, and since 1943 in crematoria. Since June ,1943, there existed 5 crematoria with a daily capacity of 4,756 corpses.

Gas was not the only method of killing. Work was a very effective means of murder: Hoess estimated that the monthly turnover in industries and mines, of inmates who either died or were sent to death, amounted to 20 per cent; the average period of survival of the Buna camp was 3 months. The camp physician Freidrich Entress invented the phenol injections, at first intravenous and later directly in the heart; the victims were inmates incapable of working; in some days as many as 300 were selected for such injections. Pregnant women were also killed by injections. One of the assistants of the male nurses responsible for the injections boasted that he alone killed 10,000 and another that he had liquidated 12,000 persons in this way.

Medical experiments, including experiments for mass sterilization of women and men (avowedly for future biological annihilation of the "lower races") were also conducted in Auschwitz in considerable numbers. The accused Dr. Capesius experimented with a narcotic substance (mescalin) which would force the person to reveal secrets. Women inmates were sold to a pharmaceutical firm for 170 marks each, to experiment with a new sedative (the first 150 all died of these experiments).

EITZ CHAIM — AN IDEAL

By Dr. CH. MENAHEL

IT IS A TREE OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO TAKE HOLD OF IT

Whether it be said thousands of years ago or here to-day in the atomic age, the truth of this maxim for living is UNCHANGED.

Because our fathers, back through the corridors of time fought and died for this ideal, we to-day possess that most priceless of treasures — the rich heritage of our faith. That heritage has inspired the reborn state of Israel after centuries of wandering. It has inspired our people the world over.

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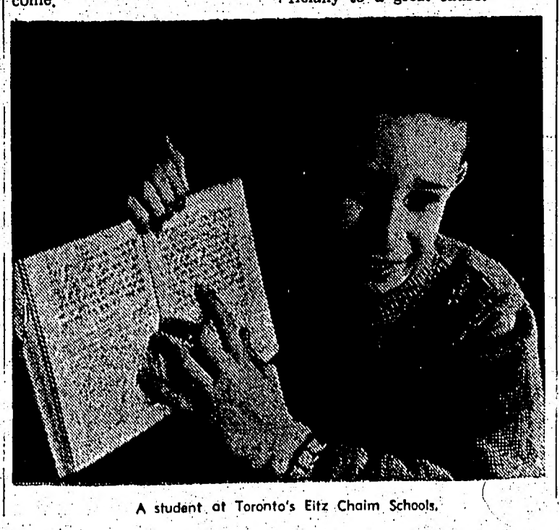
Measured over the years it is but a pittance. He who builds a house of learning makes such an expenditure a life time blessing. This is a voluntary offering. This is the test of a man's courage and belief. In the crucible of time, a man's character shines forth when he has given of himself selflessly and sacrificially to a great cause.



A student at Toronto's Eitz Chaim Schools.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

WITHOUT A FRONTIER

The customary spacing between one Sidra and another is missing in the Sidra of this week, which is joined to last week's portion. Commenting upon this peculiarity, the Midrash asks for the reason. It declares that the freedom and independence which Jacob enjoyed in the Holy Land ceased when he came to live in Egypt In this alien environment he no longer felt free, but he had to be circumspect in all his movements and inhibited as he was, he had the feeling that he had lost his unique quality and was following a pattern of behaviour imposed upon him by his environment.

Rashi continued with this theme and, commenting on the first verse, declared: "Through the pressure of exile the eyes and hearts of Israel were closed." He may have been referring to the disastrous influences of the exile on some of his contemporaries. The Middle Ages witnessed the humiliation of the Jews by cruel edict. There were those who were fortified in their love and pride as Jews whilst they wore the badge of shame with courage and dignity, and there were others who became habituated to their degradation and accepted their lowly position of inferior status. Our Sidra, according to these commentators, introduces the sad era of the exile which was to become the dark and forbidding design of history for the Jews of many centuries.

But surely we can interpret the conjoining of the two Sidras in yet another way. The former Sidra records the life of Jacob in Canaan, the land of his fathers and his traditions; and the latter Sidra describes the life of the patriarch in Egypt, in alien surroundings. To Jacob the change of the land of his domicile made no difference to his manner of living. There was a continuity and a consistency in his observance of his ideals flowing from the Holy Land into Egypt, for faith knew no territorial frontiers. Hence one Sidra flows into the other to mark the indivisibility of faith.

"And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt." Jacob lived all tne more his life of faith in answer to the challenge which confronted him on all sides. In Egypt he was more keenly sensitive and was aware as to the dangers of succumbing to alien influences. He was alive to his responsibilities and that his family looked to him to lead them in faith and practice.

"And the days of Jacob, the years of his life were one hundred and forty seven years." In Egypt his days brought him golden opportunities to observe his faith. His religion did not consist of an annual pilgrimage to a house of worship, whilst the remainder of the year had no call for him. His religion brought him daily to the altar of service. Daily he served God and fellowman. In exile daily devotion maintained his inner strength and his spiritual loyalties.

Some in our own day would draw a line of demarcation between Israel and the diaspora. They imagine that religious observance is imperative for all who reside in Israel, and that laxity is quite permissible for those who live in other countries. Two standards exist in their minds, one for Israel and one for elsewhere. Tourists to Israel who are negligent in their own observance come back with reports reflecting their indignation because of what they have seen lacking in Israel.

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U.S. Clamps Down On Charities; UJA Is Not Affected

NEW YORK, (JCNS) — A large number of American-Jewish organisations, which have been raising funds for Israeli projects, were given a shock over the week-end, when the United States Internal Revenue Service announced that donations by organisations which do not control the use of these funds abroad, would no longer qualify for exemption from income tax.

However, a spokesman for the United Jewish Appeal, which is by far the largest Jewish money-raiser here, declared that his organisation would not be affected by the decision, because its beneficiaries controlled all money spent abroad. But a number of smaller organisations with projects in Israel are reported to be seeking clarification of the new ruling.

The decision might put several of them out of business. A considerable portion of the money raised until now has been deductible. For example, a man in the 80 per cent tax category paid only 20 per cent net. The balance was deductible.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

HOLY BLOSSOM

The following won prizes at **Sisterhood's** Project '63 culmination meeting recently: **Mrs. Jack Greenbaum**, sable capelet; **Mrs. Lawrence Ginsberg**, theater coat; **Mr. S. Siegel**, Famous Players year's pass for two; **Mrs. Pearl Vise**, Odeon year's pass for two; **Mrs. Sydney Rosen**, strand of cultured pearls; **Mrs. William Anshan**, $25 gift certificate; **Mrs. George Donnenfield**, $25 gift certificate; **Mrs. D. Kirsh**, $25 gift certificate; **Mrs. William Anshan**, $25 gift certificate; **Mrs. Eddie Creed**, $25 gift certificate; **Mrs. Saul Shabsay**, $25 gift certificate; **Miss. Marilyn Miles**, $25 gift certificate. The following won bonus prizes offered to contributors of paid up $15 raffle books: **Mrs. Harry Gold**, six lessons in makeup; **Mrs. Ben Biback**, weekend for two.

Models included: Mesdames **Beryl Borsook**; **Harry Pearl**; **Karl Bald**; **Carl Cole** **Mrs. Harold Weisfeld** was pianist; fashion show convenor, **Mrs. Arthur Winton.**

B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID

● A memorial service of the Jewish martyrs of World War II was held on Wednesday, December 25th. **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** and **Cantor David Greengarten** officiated.

● On Thursday evening, December 26th, the **choir** and **glee club** held their first meeting and rehearsal, under the direction of **Bill Berle.**

BETH TORAH

● On Sunday, December 22nd, **Robert S. Abrahami** of Rassco will address the **Brotherhood** on: Israel's Economic Horizons.

● On Sunday, December 29th, **Rabbi B. Hauer** will address **Brotherhood** on: Rome and Jerusalem. He will discuss the Ecumenical Vatican Council and Pope Paul's forthcoming visit to the **Middle East.**

SHOMRAI SHABBATH

● A sium marking the conclusion of study of Tractate Chagiga and a supper will be held Sunday, January 12th, at the synagogue. **Rabbi G. Felder** will deliver the Hadran.

● During services tomorrow, the following bronze plaque names will be dedicated and will receive special mention: **Jacob Houser**; **Fanny Houser**; **Nathan Ehrenberg-Aarons**; **Harry Louis Caplan.**

● A **Sisterhood** meeting took place recently. **Mrs. M. Schwartz**, president reported on the convention of Union of Orthodox Congregations. **Mrs. W. Silver** was hostess.

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men in the news

BROKERS MAP UJA DRIVE. The Brokers Group campaign on behalf of the 1964 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto was given impetus at an organizational meeting held Sunday at the Primrose Club. Plans for the conduct of the drive were made previously at a meeting last week. Shown at that meeting in photo above, left to right, are Theodore D. Richmond, 1964 general campaign chairman; Albert Allison, Harry Hoffman and William H. Pape. In photo below, left to right, are Morris Wortzman, Mr. Richmond, Nathan Sandler and Albert Woxer.

LAWYERS PLAN CAMPAIGN. Under the leadership of Edwin A. Goodman, Q.C., chairman, the Lawyers Group planned its campaign in behalf of the 1964 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto at a meeting Sunday at the Primrose Club. These photos show a group of lawyers who met last week prior to this organization session. In top photo, left to right, are Theodore D. Richmond, 1964 general campaign chairman; Elliott Marrus, Q.C., Lionel Schipper, Bernard J. Persiko, 1963 Lawyers co-chairman; Mr. Goodman and Carl M. Solomon. In photo below are, left to right, Mr. Richmond, Herbert H. Solway, John K. Wahl, Q.C., Irwin Pasternak, Aubrey E. Golden and Jack D. Pearlstein, Q.C.

MAINLY ABOUT WOMEN

—By ESTHER ZELDIN—

● Toronto Women's ORT recently launched a crash membership campaign. Various meetings in conjunction with the drive included: **Chapter 15**, in the home of **Mrs. I. Cooper**; **Mrs. A. B. Bennett**, guest speaker; **Chapter 5**, in the home of **Mrs. I. Salsberg**; **Chapter 16**, in the home of **Mrs. L. King**; **Chapter 7**, in the home of **Mrs. Ida Kent.**

Other December membership drive meetings were held by **Chapter 30** in the home of **Mrs. Ruth Goldberg**; **Chapter 1**, in the home of **Mrs. S. Houpt**; **Chapter 12**, in the home of **Mrs. H. Tennen**; and **Chapter 9**, in the home of **Mrs. M. Rotenberg.**

● Members of **Temple Sinai Sisterhood** honored their mothers at the recent Hanukah meeting conducted by **Sylvia Shanker.**

An illustrated lecture of Jewish music via song through the ages was rendered by **Ben Steinberg**, musical director of **Holy Blossom Temple**. Mr. Steinberg was thanked by **Ruth Englander.**

Winners of the Sisterhood's annual draw were: **Bess Lean**, needlepoint bag; **Bunny Adelman**, afghan; **Pearl Erlick**, oil painting.

Top ticket sellers were: **Doris Greenwood**; **Thelma Hellman**; **Betty Stein.**

● **Ilana Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi**, held a meeting in the home of **Mrs. Sidney Plonka.** Discussion centered on various projects.

Program featured a review by **Mrs. H. Magder** of the book, As a Driven Leaf, written by **M. Steinberg.** The evening's raffle was won by **Mrs. B. Hahn.**

● Hanukah was celebrated by members of **Chadera Club, Pioneer Women**, and their husbands at a recent reception in the Judean Brotherhood Hall. A musical program of Jewish and Hebrew folk songs was rendered by **Ingrid Fistell.**

Following an appeal by **Sam Kraisman**, funds were raised for the organization's Adopt-A-Child project.

The present economic situation in Israel was dissussed by guest speaker, **Ruth Wolfish.** Miss Wolfish was introduced by **Mrs. Joe Fein** and thanked by **Mrs. J. Mirsky.**

● Members and guests of **Junior N'Shei Agudath Israel** marked Hanukah at a party in the home of **Mrs. M. Buksbaum.** **Brenda Gold** outlined the meaning of the celebration.

● A fashion show highlighted a recent tea sponsored by **North York Chapter, B'nai B'rith**, in the home of **Mrs. Samuel Shostack.** Guests were received by the president, **Mrs. Irving Greenberg**, and the hostess, **Mrs. Shostack.**

Conveners were **Mrs. Ben Kezwer**, **Mrs. Sidney Reinblatt** and **Mrs. Saul Kirshenbaum.**

Tea was poured by **Mesdames Vernon Singer**, **Aaron Cohen**, **Sidney Ryman**, **Ernest Champagne**, **L. Morganthau**, **Aaron Wolfe**, **Eric Exton** and **S. Cass.**

● A group of residents from the **Jewish Home for the Aged** were guests of honor of the **Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood** at its Hanukah luncheon recently. The program featured an address by **Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger** and a medley of Hebrew and Yiddish songs by **Cantor Nathan Adler.**

A Hanukah story was narrated by **Mrs. Marvin Donin.** Guests of honor participating in the candle lighting ceremony included: **Mrs. Book**, **Mrs. Kurger**, **Mrs. Schiff**, **Mrs. Bomsey**, **Mrs. Sissman**, **Mrs. Gollom**, **Mrs. Goldman** and **Mrs. Etkin.**

Head table guests included: **Rabbi and Mrs. Walter S. Wurzburger**; **Cantor and Mrs. Nathan Adler**; **Mrs. Sol Swartz**; **Mrs. Saul Spring**; **Mrs. Manny Spring**; **Mrs. Moe Ackerman**; **Mrs. Ted Waldman.**

● A mass bingo was recently sponsored by **Northview Chapter, B'nai B'rith**, for residents of the **Jewish Home for the Aged.**

● **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perlmutter** entertained at their home recently as a means of interesting a group of their friends in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A film narrated by Melvyn Douglas was shown, depicting some of the research projects carried on at the University. **Jeffrey Fine** discussed student life on the campus. The gathering was addressed by **Judge Harry Waisberg**, president of the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and **Mrs. John A. Sherman.** Others present were: **Dr. John A. Sherman**; **Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baker**; **Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Graftstein**; **Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Halbert**; **Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Hildebrand**; **Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Perlmutter**; **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rose**; **Mr. and Mrs. Kassile Sapera**; **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vaile**; **Mr. and Mrs. Percy Weinstein**; **Mrs. Jack Jacobson**, director on the Ontario Region of the Canadian Friends.

● **Mrs. Blanche Fine**, National president of **Pioneer Women** of Canada and United States, announced the establishment of a John F. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Fund. It will provide $100,000 to be used for scholarships to further the education of 200 deserving students in Israel.

● **Sisterhood of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda** held a meeting recently. **Mrs. Wilfred Meissener** presided.

● The Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda synagogue will provide a blood donor clinic on Monday, December 30th, from 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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GREEN PASTURES

By RUTHIE

There was a time when envy cropped its head with logic. For instance, it was understandable when a poor man looked at a rich man begrudgingly. And always from a distance. Naturally, it goes without saying that the poor man couldn't get near him with a ten-foot pole. Which was another mark against the innocent rich.

"Look at him, the ALRIGHTNICK! I remember when he borrowed carfare, and now he doesn't know anybody".

The ALRIGHTNICK'S vacations were far beyond the realm of a KOPPTZIN'S (poor man's) dream: Florida, Mexico, Europe, Israel. The KOPPTZIN was happy to take his family to Coney Island for the day.

It invariably was an all-day trip, cooped up in a train both ways with a sweltering herd. Then there was the struggle on the cowded beach, fighting for a spot under the sun; and afterwards, picnic-style, eating more sand than food. Swimming was no particular pleasure if you had to throw an eye on the kids to keep them from drowning. On the way home, you just couldn't by-pass the loop-the-loop, ferris wheel, whip and other heart-stopping rides, meanwhile munching on chips, corn-on-the-cob, jelly apples, custard cones, cotton candy and other stomach ache inducements. And when you finally got home, you fell into bed more exhausted than before. That was a good time!

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Today it's different. Evidently our changing times have also effected our thinking. Now the bosses envy the help.

Ask any employer when he's taking a holiday, and immediately he answers, "Business is rotten this year," or, "I can't afford it. Only my stock boy can have a vacation. Money comes in, money doesn't come in. What difference does it make? He gets his salary every week; he can afford to go someplace. He has to watch the shop, then? He has a big overhead? He has to pay wages? He has to stay awake nights, thinking up gimmicks?"

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Chairman of the evening was Samuel Himel, Bond Chairman of B'Nai Zion, and participants on the program included President Lazar A. Lifschitz, Rabbi David Monson, Chaplain of B'Nai Zion, and Culture Chairman Sol Pearl who conducted the Hanukkah Candle-lighting ceremony.

Mr. Himel was awarded a handsome Bronze Plaque by the State of Israel Bond Organization of Toronto in recognition of his devoted efforts on behalf of the Bond Campaign. Through additional purchases made that evening, the total amount subscribed by B'nai Zion during the 1963 Campaign was increased by $11,000, marking this as a record year of achievement by its dedicated membership.

HONOURED BY BOND ORGANIZATION: Shown on photo above during the presentation to Mr. Himel of his award, left to right are: Hy Sands, guest artist; Samuel Himel, and Harry J. Halperin, Executive Director of the State of Israel Bond Organization of Toronto.

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Seeing the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico last week at the O'Keefe Center was indeed a rare experience. It was an evening of enjoyment and rapport between audience and dancers.

Folklorico means exactly what it implies: it tells a story in dance. And one could not help marveling at the basic similarities between folks of all nations, albeit individual customs.

The Aztec Universe, save costumes with a decided Mexican flavor, could have stemmed from Rome or Greece. Scenes were depicted of the creation of man, gods and goddesses of the underworld, love and flowers, war, darkness, waters and rivers — all in fiery dance.

The Tarascan Indians may well have been those of North America, construing the lives of fishermen at sea and their wives singing the eternal lullaby.

Veracruzana Fiesta brought the rich heritage of Spain. Every now and then one caught the glimpse of Latin romance as is ordinarily understood.

And, of course, no story is complete without its wedding — which was beautiful and unique.

Amalia Hernandez shone throughout. Her lithe, nimble graceful body has earned for her the right to conquer the world — which she did.

Dancing was to the accompaniment of violins, guitars, drum and voices on stage.

Dash's costumes were fabulous: rich Mexican patterns; black on white with colored motifs; fantastic, elaborate headdresses.

Just one critical observation: the dancers could have smiled occasionally.

theatre hi-lites

● But a week and a weekend remain to see the fabulous Fantasticks at the **Red Barn**, Central Library Theater, (closing Sunday, January 5th). Starring Bruno Gerussi and Joan Stapeley, the unexpected hit is being seen by young and old, some attending repeat performances.

● Dylan, ushered in at the **O'Keefe Center** Christmas Day, will continue through Saturday night, January 11th. It stars Sir Alex Guinness who makes his first Canadian appearance in ten years. He is seen as the Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas. Kate Reid is featured as the poet's wife, Caitlin Thomas. Miss Reid, star of the Canadian Shakespeare Festival, was seen on Broadway last season in, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

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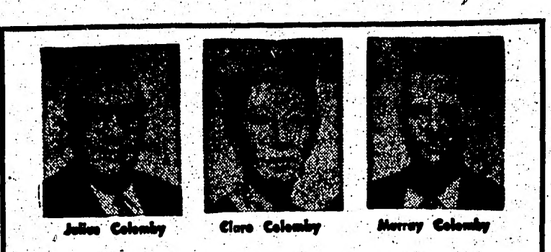

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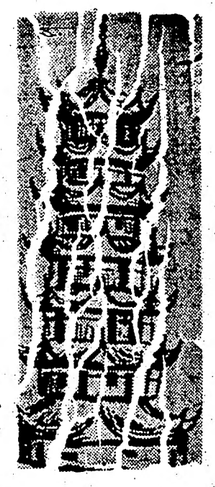

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